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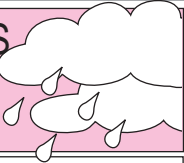
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Ode to a painting

Paul Zimmer, who won an award this year from the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters for his book "Family Reunion," reads his poetry Wednesday evening in the Tarble Arts Center.

School board candidates focus on better funding

By BRIAN HUCHEL
City editor

The issues to be discussed at two open forums featuring Charleston area school board candidates in the Nov. 7 election may vary widely, but they all center around one constant — money.

"Overall, this board is facing problems similar to the ones other school boards in the past have also faced," District Superintendent Terry Weir said. "And they all circle around funding."

As a prelude to the Nov. 7 election, the Charleston Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters are sponsoring public forums to allow school board candidates a chance to talk about issues and answer public questions.

The League of Women Voters' event will be held at 7:30 p.m. today at the District Office, 410 Polk Ave, and the Chamber of Commerce forum will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at The Worthington Inn, 920 W. Lincoln.

Weir said a 25-item listing of bigger issues confronting the school board has been compiled for the

forums. Among those concerns are the district's technological needs, the school budget and the hiring of additional staff members in different areas.

Weir added the school district's budget also has not been balanced in several years.

Richard Sylvia, a school board candidate, said the board should not continue to rely on reserve funds or the area residents to support the school changing needs.

"The citizens of Charleston can't be asked to pay more, at least not for the next several years," Sylvia said. "Enough is enough."

"The school has been drawing from reserve funds for quite a few years and they won't last forever," he added. "The budget was \$700,000 over last year."

Other candidates running in the Nov. 7 local election are Jack Moore, Hank Davis, Michael Havey, Brian Peterlich, Stuart Michelson, Glenn Robinson, Patrice Stratton and Brian James.

Sylvie, Michelson and Robinson are Eastern faculty members from the English, finance and journalism

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Teacher's union developing plans for negotiations after BOG demise

By CHRIS HOLLY
Staff writer

Eastern officials are planning to handle union labor negotiations for the first time on campus because the Board of Governors will be eliminated at the end of the year.

"(Everyone) will benefit directly from the new procedure," said Laurent Gosselin, president of Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois. "It will strengthen relations between UPI and the administration."

One of the positive points of handling labor negotiations on campus is the easy availability of meeting often and negotiating, said Jeanne Simpson, university contract administrator.

"This way we can meet regularly," she said. "We'll have good, clear, open communication

— that's where it all begins."

An administration negotiating team and UPI team have been formed to represent the two parties in the on-campus bargaining procedures.

The administration negotiating team consists of: Terry Weidner, acting provost and vice president of Academic Affairs; Cynthia Nichols, director of Affirmative Action and Cultural Diversity; and Simpson.

UPI team members include: Bill Weber, professor of economics; Amy Myers, an economics instructor; David Radavich, professor of English; and Lora Green, academic adviser in the Academic Assistance Center; and Gosselin.

Previously labor negotiations were run by the BOG vice-chancellor and representatives from each of the five BOG universities.

One problem with negotiations through the BOG is the board had to deal with four other universities and the interests of all rather than just Eastern, Simpson said.

The BOG is set for termination Jan. 1 when individual boards will take governance over the five BOG schools.

The two teams have identified several issues such as compensation, Faculty Excellence Awards, distance learning and step two of the grievance process as key issues to be discussed.

"We can now focus on those things specific to Eastern," Weidner said. "We can focus on our own needs."

"Communication should improve in the sense that we all have to sit at the same table," Gosselin said. "We have to listen

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Comedian Carrot Top expected to be a hit at Homecoming show

By AMY BRIGOWATZ
Staff writer

The University Board is serving up a vegetarian delight this Homecoming by featuring Carrot Top, America Comedy Association's Comedian of the Year.

Carrot Top will be performing at 8 p.m. Oct. 28 in McAfee Gymnasium.

Dan Estby, graduate adviser and adviser to the University Board comedy committee, said Carrot Top is very popular among college campuses.

Estby said he has made

appearances on the Tonight Show, the Arsenio Hall Show and in various night clubs. He also has a cartoon coming out, he added.

Tickets are on sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday at the University Board's Box Office in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Advanced tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for others. At the door the tickets cost \$7 for everyone.

"He's performed at Eastern twice, and both performances sold out," Estby said.

Dave Schaafsma, senior computer management major, saw Carrot Top both times.

"The first year Carrot Top was late and we waited two hours to see him," he said. "I would definitely wait that long again. I plan on getting my friends together this year to see him for the third time."

Estby said Carrot Top was selected in hopes that he would draw in a large crowd of people for Homecoming.

Cheryl Baillie, junior zoology

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Edgar slow in releasing names of Eastern's governing board

By CHAD GALLAGHER
Administration editor

The expected Oct. 20 naming of Eastern's new governing board trustees by Gov. Jim Edgar has been pushed back and will likely be sometime next week, said Tom Livingston, special assistant to the governor for higher education.

"(The appointments) will not be this week," he said. "We can only release so many press releases in one day without diffusing what's happening in the governor's office. We'll isolate a day for the 'big release.'"

Eastern President David Jorns said he does not anticipate any further delays or problems with the small amount of time the university will have to orientate trustees with Eastern before they take governance.

The Board of Governors is set for termination Jan. 1 when individual boards for the five BOG school's will take governance. Gov. Edgar is solely responsible for

appointment decisions of the five boards.

"Eastern's board is very much ready," Livingston said. "But for one board, we are still doing background checks on a couple of people."

In an Oct. 12 article in *The Daily Eastern News*, Livingston said he would not pinpoint a date, "but you can probably expect the announcement by Oct. 20."

"I'm sure it is a very complicated job (for the governor)," Jorns said. "I'm not at all surprised by the delay."

Livingston said the governor's office is being careful not to leak any names of possible board members to avoid speculation.

"Those who are going to make (the boards) will be informed shortly before the official press release is distributed," Livingston said.

"There are certainly speculations (about the board's composition)," Jorns said. "The one person who would know is the governor and soon he'll let us know, and all the speculations will be over."

Rodent testicles may prevent organ transplant rejections

DENVER (AP) – A substance found in rodent testicles may hold the key to preventing the rejection of transplanted organs, researchers said Wednesday.

A research team at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center found that a molecule called CD95 ligand in the testicles of mice appears to prevent the rodents’ immune systems from killing transplanted cells.

“This could be the magic elixir that we can use to prevent graft rejection,” said Donald Bellgrau, associate professor of immunology who reported the results Wednesday in the journal Nature.

The human body’s immune system is the

greatest enemy of transplanted cells and organs. But scientists have known that the testicles, brain and eyes are “privileged sites” where immunosuppression doesn’t work. Bellgrau’s team set out to find why.

They learned that Sertoli cells in mice testicles emit CD95 ligand, which appears responsible for the immunosuppressant effect, and were able to isolate CD95 molecules. Then, they found that grafts of testes from different mice weren’t rejected, as long as they had contained the CD95 molecules.

The researchers are a long way from testing the molecule in humans.

Also, another scientist cautioned in an

accompanying editorial that while CD95 ligand may be a necessary factor, more research must be done to show that it can prevent immunosuppression by itself. Other, unknown factors could come into play, wrote David L. Vaux of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research in Victoria, Australia.

Bellgrau said the next step is to implant the CD95 gene in another cell to find out if it becomes a “privileged site,” resistant to graft rejection just like the Sertoli cells inside the mice testicles.

“We have two basic protocols we want to test: one as a drug; then putting it in cells and making it resistant to graft rejections,”

Bellgrau said.

Vaux wrote that doubts about CD95 ligand won’t be settled until transplant experiments can be performed on mice that are genetically engineered to contain the molecule throughout their body.

Eventually, Bellgrau hopes CD95 ligand could be used to prevent rejection of islet cells transplanted for treatment of Type I diabetes, and improve the success rate of organ transplants in general.

Bellgrau’s team also included Dr. Alex Franzusoff, associate professor of cellular and structural biology; Richard Duke, assistant professor of medicine; and Jodene Moore, an immunology graduate student.

Selena murderer claims the gun ‘accidentally went off’

Houston (AP) – The woman who fatally shot Selena waived to police afterward that she had pulled out the gun to show it to the singer, and it “just went off,” according to tapes played for the jury Tuesday.

“I didn’t mean to do it. I didn’t mean to kill anybody,” a sobbing Yolanda Saldivar said during a 9-hour standoff with police during which she held a gun to her head and threatened to kill herself.

Ms. Saldivar said to police negotiators outside the motel where Selena was shot that she told Selena she had bought the .38-caliber revolver to kill herself.

“She told me: ‘Yolanda, I don’t want you to kill yourself,’ She opened the door. When I told her to close it, the gun went off,” Ms. Saldivar said.

Ms. Saldivar, who went from

president of Selena’s fan club to manager of her boutiques, is on trial on charges of murdering the 23-year-old Grammy-winning singing star March 31. Ms. Saldivar, 35, could get life in prison.

Prosecutors said she intentionally shot Selena when the singer confronted Ms. Saldivar about suspicions she had embezzled \$30,000.

The jury heard six hours of tapes on Monday and on Tuesday from the standoff in the motel parking lot after the shooting.

“I pulled it out to show her the gun,” Ms. Saldivar sobbed at a one point. “It just went off.” Witnesses testified last week they saw Ms. Saldivar, gun pointed straight ahead, chasing the bleeding, screaming Selena across the motel courtyard to the lobby, where she collapsed and died. She had

been shot in the back.

On the tape, while threatening to kill herself, Ms. Saldivar cried: “I don’t know how to pull the trigger.” But a police officer at the standoff testified Monday that Ms. Saldivar switched the gun at least twice from single action to double action. Single action, with the hammer pulled back, would make the gun easier to fire.

Ms. Saldivar told police the shooting was the fault of Selena’s father, Abraham Quintanilla Jr. She said he had raped and sexually abused her a month and a half before the shooting and threatened to kill her family if she told.

“I told Selena! I told her mother!” she cried to police.

“They said I was lying, lying, lying.” Quintanilla denied it last week under questioning by prosecutors.

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to one another – now that we meet weekly.”

Teacher’s salaries will also be an important issue in the bargaining process. According to budget director Kim Furumo, Eastern’s teacher salaries are the second lowest in the state behind Chicago State University.

“It’s a high priority,” Gosselin said. “We have a group of distinguished faculty looking at that problem right now. We have every indication that everybody is on board in regards to this issue.

“But we don’t want to take money from the salaries of hard working clerical people or give a higher tuition to the students, and people aren’t in favor of a higher tax rate to help pay for it so we really don’t know where the money would come from.”

Faculty negotiations will include Unit A

employees, which include tenure and tenure tracked faculty, and Unit B, which includes temporary teaching faculty and academic support professionals.

One possible remedy to low salaries is to implement a policy mandating a minimum salary increase every year, Simpson said.

“The idea has been brought up, but it hasn’t been discussed yet,” Simpson added. “I want to stress that nothing will be rejected – everything will be discussed.”

Members of both teams attended a comprehensive training conference in June to prepare them for the negotiation process.

The conference included information on how to proceed in a negotiation situation in a systematic, consistent, efficient and positive way.

Grandson suspect in double murder

DANVILLE(AP)Police Wednesday were questioning a suspect found driving a Danville couple’s car half an hour after they were found slashed to death in their homes.

Officers found the bodies of Frank McNeely, 58, and Roberta McNeely, 57, in separate rooms of their home, Danville police

spokesman Larry Thomason said. Both victims had suffered cut wounds, Thomason said.

Police arrested a person driving the McNeely’s car about 30 minutes after the bodies were discovered, Thomason said. The suspect was the victim’s grandson and was being held for questioning Wednesday, he said. No charges had been filed.

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major, has seen Carrot Top on television and at a comedy club in Chicago.

“I thought he was really funny because he’s an interactive comedian,” Baillie said. “He didn’t just stand still like the average comedian.” She said that anyone can expect to laugh when watching him.

“I would consider Carrot Top to be a prop comic,” said Greg Landry, senior history major.

Landry said that Carrot Top has a big trunk filled with homemade props.

“His funniest act was when he impersonated U2, Guns and Roses and many other rock groups,” he

said. “He’s definitely a good college act.”

Katherine Tobin, a senior finance major, said his props are hysterical. “He takes common household objects and turns them into something funny.”

She also said that Carrot Top dresses-up in different uniforms and impersonates different occupations.

Tobin has seen Carrot Top on Regis and Kathy Lee. Tobin said the funniest act she’s seen Carrot Top do is his call-waiting imitation.

“He took two tin cans and connected them by a string,” she said. “He used a can within a can to simulate the call-waiting effect.”

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departments respectively.

One issue near the top of the list for the school district is technology. Weir said a review of the school’s computer system and how to finance an upgrade will be necessary once new board members are elected.

“Students entering colleges and universities today better have some experience in this technology,” Weir said. “We

need to be able to work with technology that is able to give students that next step.”

Repairs for the eight schools making up District One also have been campaign issues addressed.

Slyvie cited the bricks on the Lerna School Building and the roof on the Mark Twain Elementary School in Charleston as two items in need of repair.

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Quad preachers attract crowds

Students at odds with Brother Dan's message

By CATHY THOELE
Staff writer

Students walking through the Library Quad frequently have the opportunity to stop and listen to one of several evangelists who preach their view of the Gospel.

Brother Dan, Max Lynch, and Brian Tucker are the three regular evangelists who visit the quad to preach there about God and salvation.

While many people believe they have a right to preach on the quad, some think they take it too far.

"Evangelism isn't something that irritates or annoys me until people start taking it to such an extent that it's almost accusatory," said Bre Pavey, a senior philosophy major. "Through my observations, I think in my generation people don't want it shoved down their throats."

Brother Dan said he preaches on campus because he doesn't want people to go to hell and believes pastors should practice evangelism. He said he makes the gospel relevant to today by talking about all the different problems in society, then point-

ing to Jesus as the answer to those problems.

"I'm harsh because if I get people to realize how wicked they are and they are saved, then they're really going to appreciate their salvation," Brother Dan said.

There are better ways to go about speaking the truth and making it known, said Patrick Langan, president of Eastern's Intersivity Christian Fellowship. Langan said a person should speak the truth in love, and respect the people he or she is speaking to.

Many students are offended by the preaching methods of Brother Dan in particular. Steve Sweis, a senior philosophy major, said Brother Dan takes the freedom of speech way too far and it's totally inappropriate when he degrades women.

Freshman journalism major Courtney Barrett is offended by Brother Dan, but she believes it's his right to preach on the quad.

Director of the Newman Catholic Center, Roy Lanham also disagrees with Brother Dan, but said he wouldn't condemn him for it.

Max Lynch, pastor of the New Covenant Church in Terre Haute and occasional evangelist at Eastern, said he approves of what Brother Dan is doing and that everybody has a little different approach.

However, Brian Tucker, a freshman engineering major who also preaches on the Library Quad, said that Brother Dan is too judgmental. "It's not our opinion we're preaching; it's the word of God," he said.

Brother Dan also takes a lot of quotes out of context, said junior English major Keith Owens.

But Jason Dothager, junior social science education major, isn't bothered by Brother Dan. "He may be loud and obnoxious but he gets people to come and watch him."

Lynch said he doesn't care why students come to listen to him. He is still going to preach the word of God and how the students take it is their problem.

Tucker also doesn't care what students think of him.

"If people despise me, hey, that's fine," Tucker said. "We are perfectly normal people and anybody who has experienced what we have experienced

Senate includes grade appeals amendment on upcoming ballot

By REAGAN BRANHAM
Staff editor

An amendment to the Student Body Constitution Wednesday was officially placed on the Nov. 8 Student Government elections ballot, despite initial concerns over the clarity of its meaning.

Jason Anselment, student body vice president for public affairs, questioned the clarity of the amendment, because he said some of the changes were so minute they may confuse students as to its meaning.

"We need to do everything we can possibly do to make it clear to the students," Anselment said.

The part of the constitution in question was Article XI, Section C which regards the student appeals process for grade changes. The new amendment adds an "s" to the word "student" because "students" is the grammatically correct term.

Anselment said his concern was "the students being able to understand which parts (of the amendment) were being added and which parts were being deleted."

A solution to the problem, which was suggested by senate member Jeff Zilch, came in the form of color coding the constitution to distinguish between additions and deletions.

The amendment, which was authored by senate

member Bryan Gutraj, also revised the constitution to clarify the definition of a full-time student.

The new amendment states senate members must be either full-time undergraduate students enrolled in 12 semester hours or full-time graduate students enrolled in nine semester hours.

The second part of Gutraj's amendment changes the percentage of students needed to sign a petition to propose an amendment to the constitution from 15 percent to 10 percent.

In other business, senate member Rick Tucker suggested the senate give an additional opinion concerning the confidence vote for Eastern President David Jorns.

At Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting, a petition with signatures from 125 faculty members was submitted calling for a confidence vote for Jorns.

Although Tucker was not sure how the Student Government should voice its opinion, senate members agreed with him that student opinion should be given on Jorns' evaluation.

The main concern with student evaluation of Jorns was the lack of student knowledge on how he is performing his job.

"Ninety percent of the faculty seems to be informed about the president, but ninety percent of the students aren't," Gutraj said.

'Hollywood Squares' TV show part of Alcohol Awareness Week

By KATIE VANA
Staff writer

A mock version of the television show "Hollywood Squares" is one of various student activities planned tonight as part of Alcohol Awareness Week.

Eastern's Hollywood Squares, sponsored by the Residence Hall Association and Eta Sigma Gamma, will consist of chosen students and faculty filling squares constructed of scaffolding at 6:45 p.m. in the South Quad, said Lynette Drake, director of Health Service.

Students will be drawn by raffle from the audience to participate as contestants, Drake said. Questions

for the game will be alcohol and drug related, and prizes donated by local business will be awarded to winners.

The object of the presentation is to promote the education of the effects of alcohol while having fun.

Other events tonight include:

- Guest speaker Kim Carmack, a Charleston attorney who will present "Busted for Underage Drinking...What Now?" at 8 p.m. in the Copa Room of Carman and at 9 p.m. in the Thomas Hall lobby.

The presentation will focus on legal policies and ramifications of underage drinking, Drake said. Carmack gave the same presenta-

tion last fall at the resident assistant orientation and was asked back for the awareness week.

"She'll show another point of view of what happens when students get in trouble with police and the law so they know what to expect," said Brett Thompson, a Carman Hall RA.

The presentation will give students a reality base of what happens when you break the law using alcohol, Thompson added.

- The Student Recreation Center is staying open until midnight tonight so students can "work out, instead of go out," said Angie Churchill, co-chair of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

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Lumpkin students may need to wait for computers

Students in Lumpkin College of Business who are petitioning for new computer systems may soon face a harsh reality.

They're at the back of the line.

Students are trying to get about 250 signatures to update computers that are "at least two upgrades behind," said Sarah Britton, a senior administrative information services major. Britton's plan would draw attention to the old systems in Lumpkin and hopefully get systems that will prepare students for better jobs.

But petitioners in Lumpkin won't find much sympathy around campus. Computers in residence halls and technology in departments such as education are hurting much more than the business school.

Editorial

A \$10-a-semester increase in student fee money to go to computer technology will raise more than \$220,000 a year. But Lumpkin will rightfully take a back seat to other more needy areas.

Computers around campus in Booth Library, the residence halls and other academic departments are in serious need of upgrades. There are archaic printers, slow-moving computers and programs that are, in computer years, ancient.

Lumpkin doesn't have as big a problem as other areas. While students may be missing some programs in Lumpkin, basic computer services are unavailable throughout campus.

Aesthetically, Lumpkin doesn't win out, either. It's going to be tough to explain why a state-of-the-art building with more computers and computer labs than most areas needs additional technology. People in other areas will look at where they study and learn and walk the other direction.

But Lumpkin should get a slice of the pie. Ten new general-access computer stations are set to go to Lumpkin. Britton said that won't help. If not, maybe the money for those stations could be used to buy new technology to install in the new computers.

Another option would be to push for specific programs Lumpkin students need on general use commuters in campus labs.

But Lumpkin students shouldn't expect any more than what Computer Services is offering. To do so would be to ask too much. Students all over campus will be glad to tell them that.

“today's quote

No one ever went broke underestimating the intelligence (or taste) of the American people.

— Henry Louis Mencken

Legal aid is more than a budget item

In a small city about an hour from Charleston live Ben and Betty Jones.

Betty is a diminutive, rotund woman with ankles that swell to the size of small trees on bad days. Together they live on a combined disability income of about \$650 a month along with a few food stamps.

They adjusted their lifestyle to their income with one exception — \$300 a month worth of medication bills. Sharing their medication by splitting pills in half had become commonplace for them.

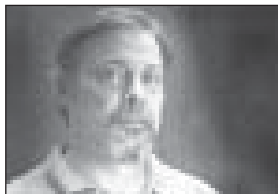
For Benny, a proud man who had worked his entire life, Public Aid was a last resort. Barely able to rent a house, feed themselves and provide for their own health needs, Betty went for public aid.

Deprived of her statutory right to make an application, Betty was, literally, told to go home. She went home and called a legal assistance agency. After numerous written arguments to Public Aid about their own regulations, her case culminated in a hearing. The legal agency's case was upheld in its entirety. Ben and Betty were not only eligible for Medicaid, but also a monthly grant of \$97 under a supplemental program designed for the disabled.

I'm glad Betty sought help when she did because 1996 will be a different story thanks to an unprecedented and unconscionable assault by Congress on the ability of the aged, blind and disabled poor of America to get legal help.

The U.S. Congress is working to finalize a one-third reduction in funding for more than 300 legal aid agencies nationwide. These are the attorneys and paralegals who oversee governmental ineptitude (injustice) for folks like the Joneses.

To do any less than provide legal aid for these people is to



RANDY WHITE
Guest columnist

"If the members of poor grow in proportion to the cutbacks, the travesty is multiplied."

"Equal Justice Under Law" reads the inscription over the U.S. Supreme Court building. It's a guarantee that should be mortared with fast-drying cement and replaced with an immense plastic sign modifying the words to the morning pledge we made as school children: "With liberty and justice for, ahhh, some."

Under the guise of balancing our national budget, the majority of Congress is blatantly ignorant and contemptuous of basic Constitutional rights and the dilemma of thousands who face an intensive and yet overly inept bureaucratic structure when all you have in a sixth-grade education — and ankles the size of small trees.

It's really quite simple: without chickens there are no eggs, without clouds there is no rain, and without access there can be no justice. But no one really gives a damn about the poor anyway.

However, if water were a constitutional guarantee and Congress fenced off the lakes, streams and private wells, we would scream outrage. And an outrage it is when the posts holding the fences which surround the wells of justice for the American poor are being set.

— Randy White is a paralegal for the Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation and a guest columnist for The Daily Eastern News.



Evaluation of students should also be open

Dear editor:

I am in total agreement with your editorial regarding opening teacher evaluations to the student body public ("Teacher evaluations should be open for students' review, Oct. 11). In fact, I would like to carry this notion one step further and request that faculty be given access to information regarding the kinds of students they will be seeing in each of their courses.

How would this work? Well, perhaps two or three weeks before the beginning of a particular semester, the teachers would receive a folder on each student registered for each of their classes. In a typical folder, the teachers would find the student's grade-point average, list of previous courses in the department and strengths and weaknesses. The teachers would know immediately who were the terrific students, those active learners who energize any classroom, and the less than terrific students, those less than stellar bodies that drain ener-

your turn

gy like a black hole.

John Guzowski
English department

Bad rumors devastate people, relationships

Dear editor:

When I came to Eastern three years ago, I was ready to have the time of my life. This was my true entering into adulthood. Little did I know the mentality level of Eastern students is sometimes at best lower than that of most junior high students.

I am talking about the over abundance of rumors that flare around this campus. It is worse than a game of telephone in a kindergarten class. People around this campus are so afraid of getting involved in a relationship because they see what those of us who have courageously gotten into relationships go through daily. God forbid you should ever go out without your significant other — the next day

there are two million different stories about what you did the night before.

And I will bet you that not even one of those stories is even close to the truth. People need to realize that if they want a soap opera, they should turn on Melrose Place because this is real life and they are playing with the lives of real people!

Believe me, I know. I have gone through it and have seen many of my close friends hurt for the entertainment of others with more boring lives. I have grown up believing that caring for and helping others and love and fidelity are virtues everyone should have, and that if you have them you will be OK in life. Obviously this is not true.

However corny this may sound, I love my boyfriend with everything I am, and he is the only one I want to be with. Anyone who doubts this does not or has not taken the time to get to know me. I can guarantee that this is true for most people around here. All I ask is that the next time you hear a rumor, you think about the people involved and hang up the telephone.

Kelli A. Fogerty

Pink Panthers, Cheer Team ready for Homecoming

By ANNA BETZELBERGER
Staff writer

The excitement is building for Eastern's Homecoming as the Pink Panthers and cheer team practice to perfect their routines.

The Pink Panthers and cheerleaders will be performing next week at the bonfire/pep rally, parade and the homecoming game.

"The bonfire is really exciting because everyone is so close," said Nancy Marlow, the Pink Panthers coach. She said they prepare special routines for Homecoming.

"We choreograph our own dances and pick out the music," said Andrea Pluta, captain of the Pink Panthers. "We have a fast, a funky and a slower routine for the bonfire."

There are 14 women on the squad who dedicate a lot of time, Pluta said. "We have been working on these routines for the past

month."

Pluta said the routines for the football game will be performed to the EIU Marching Band playing a Blues Brothers tune.

The cheerleaders also have been working on new routines for homecoming, including three one-minute routines to do at the bonfire, said Angie Jensik, coach of the varsity cheer team. Some of the routines are with Billy the Panther, Jensik added.

Jensik, who was a member of the cheer team in 1991-1992, coached the junior varsity last year and is working with the varsity squad this year.

"We are trying new things this year," she said. "They are really excited; All but one of the cheerleaders are returning from last year.

"They have been having double practices everyday, to perfect the routines," Jensik added.



JOHN COX/ Photo editor
Jennie Davis (center), a elementary education major, and Carrie Grischow (left), a senior elementary education major, practice the beginning of a routine with the rest of the Pink Panthers Wednesday in the Lantz Building.

Grade appeals formalized

By SCOTT BOEHMER
Student government editor

Minor changes are being considered to formalize the process of grade appeals, said Student Body Vice President for Academic Affairs Amy Decker.

The changes require students to consult Decker before making a grade appeal. She said this has always been practiced, but has never been in writing.

"The changes are just basically rewording and some other minor changes that haven't been ironed out yet," Decker said. "These are steps that are usually done now, but they're not written down."

She also said former Vice President for Academic Affairs Kristie Kahles had suggested some of the changes because of problems she had with appeals.

Decker said she could not mention specific problems that occurred in the past because of confidentiality issues.

"I just took recommendations from departmental grade appeal committees I worked with in the past," Decker said, adding each academic department has their own committee that deals with grade appeals.

Decker said her work with the changes is currently preliminary, and is not her main focus right now because of work on opening a new system of teacher evaluations.

Million Man March forum tonight in Greek Court

A question and answer forum will be held tonight for the participants in the local and national Million Man Marches.

The forum, sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta sorority, will be at 10 p.m. in the Commons Room of 1050 Greek Court. Refreshments will be served at 9 p.m. before the forum.

The seven Eastern students who traveled to

Washington, D.C., to attend the Million Man March will be at the forum to answer questions about the event and tell about their experiences.

Students Demetrius Lane, Kendric Hall, Kary Durham, Derrick Lane, Juan Lyle, Jason Synder and Mike Richardson, all members of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, attended the national march.


In addition, 26 men and three women from Eastern staged a local march up Lincoln Avenue and through campus Monday morning.

The Million Man March in Washington, D.C., sponsored by Nation of Islam Leader Louis Farrakhan, was a rally for black males around the nation consisting of praying, singing and speaking on racial unity and reconciliation.

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Lawmakers seek reasons to send troops to Bosnia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conjuring images of body bags and bereaved families, lawmakers challenged the Clinton administration Wednesday to justify sending Americans' sons and daughters to Bosnia to enforce a fragile peace.

President Clinton's top defense and foreign policy officials argued that the proposed 20,000-member peacekeeping mission is essential to prevent the 3-year-old war from spreading.

But many lawmakers remained skeptical.

"My criteria in trying to decide on things like this is whether or not I could go to a family of someone, a young person who's come home in a body bag, and explain to that family how this young American has done a great thing for his country," said Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colo.

"I have to tell you at this point I couldn't do that very well." Democrats at a House National Security Committee hearing echoed the theme of facing constituents grieving war casualties.

Rep. Ronald Dellums, D-Calif., the committee's senior Democrat, said there is "no consensus" among Democrats for



going into Bosnia in the event of a peace settlement.

And Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., asked Defense Secretary William Perry and Secretary of State Warren Christopher "to explain to those mothers and daddies and aunts and uncles and grandparents why it's important for their young people to participate in uniform" in the former Yugoslav republic.

In a second day of congressional hearings, Perry, Christopher, and Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, portrayed the proposed troop deployment as the only way of staving off a wider war.

"What I would say to a mother in that situation, I would recall that twice before in this century the United States has had to send not a limited number of troops but an almost unlimited number of troops to take part in a war that started from Central Europe, once from the

very city that we're talking about here now," Christopher said. He was referring to the outbreak of World War I in Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital.

To avoid such a catastrophe, the officials said, the United States must take part in a NATO peacekeeping force that would come in with heavy arms and establish a buffer zone between the warring parties after they have reached a peace agreement.

Christopher announced Wednesday that Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio, will be the site of a new round of Bosnia peace talks between top officials of Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia.

Facing general skepticism about the mission, the administration officials argued that doing nothing would guarantee that the Bosnian conflict continues. That would increase the risk that it would spread to threaten U.S. allies such as Greece and Turkey.

At that point, Christopher said, "We would have to put in not 20,000 troops, but maybe 10 times as many." Perry added that the choice for the United States is not between going in or doing nothing but between help-

Congress looks to limit its role in funding disaster programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the past five years the federal government has spent close to \$50 billion responding to natural disasters in earthquake-prone California, hurricane-whipped Florida and the flooded Midwest.

Now Congress is debating ways to limit the government's role in the disaster relief business and require that people living in vulnerable areas assume a greater share of the risk.

But Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, consumer groups and some lawmakers cautioned Wednesday that current proposals are too beneficial to insurers and could still leave the taxpayers vulnerable to bailouts.

The chairman of a House subcommittee hearing testimony on the Natural Disaster Protection Partnership Act said that the concerns might be addressed in time to pass the legislation this session.

"We don't want to rush to judgment, yet we don't want to delay one bit," said GOP Rep. Sherwood Boehlert of New York, head of the Transportation subcommittee on water resources and environment.

The Senate Commerce Committee is considering legislation similar to the House bill sponsored by Rep. Bill Emerson, R-Mo.

Many of the recommendations follow up on the findings last year of a House task force on disasters led by Emerson and Rep. Dick Durbin, D-Springfield.

"People want government to change the way it works. They want individuals to take more personal responsibility," Durbin said.

"It's time to reform a system which places most of the risks of disasters on the taxpayers." He introduced a bill in February that would set up a federally chartered corporation through which states could buy insurance for disasters, replacing direct federal aid to states.

Durbin's bill has not advanced, but he and 12 other Illinois lawmakers are cosponsors of Emerson's measure.

The bill would create a federally chartered private corporation, made up of insurance companies. It would provide homeowners with primary coverage for disasters and reinsurance for other insurers.

The measure is geared toward hurricane and earthquake protection. It recommends studying the possibility of adding flood coverage, which has its own insurance program, in certain situations.

To show the possible effects in the Midwest, a coalition of insurers and other groups said projected damages for a major earthquake along the New Madrid fault in Illinois and Missouri could reach \$100.6 billion in the region.

Rubin, in a letter Wednesday to the ranking Democrat on the subcommittee, said the bill would establish "an unregulated monopoly" and put homeowners "at the mercy of the insurance industry that will have the exclusive power to set rates, as well as policy terms and conditions."

Sentencing set for kids who murdered

CHICAGO (AP) — Two children accused of throwing a 5-year-old boy to his death from a 14th floor window were ruled delinquent of first-degree murder Wednesday.

Cook County Juvenile Court Judge Carol A. Kelly also set a Nov. 14 sentencing date for the two boys, then 10 and 11. She made her ruling immediately after both sides presented their closing arguments.

The shocking cruelty of Eric Morse's death last October —

allegedly because he wouldn't steal candy for the older boys — came only weeks after the slaying of an 11-year-old boy by members of his own gang also made national headlines.

Eric Morse was dropped from a Chicago Housing Authority building while his then 8-year-old brother, Derrick Lemons, fought the two boys in an effort to save him.

On Wednesday, the two boys, both wearing white T-shirts, jeans and tennis shoes, fidgeted during

the proceedings. One kept turning away from the defense table to watch television artists work on sketches of the hearing.

The prosecution's witnesses included police and Eric's brother, who testified Tuesday that he ran down 14 flights of stairs hoping to catch his brother.

Derrick, sitting on a telephone book so he could see over the witness box, testified the boys lured him and Eric to a vacant apartment on the pretext of showing them their clubhouse.

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A strange shopping adventure

By Heidi Keibler
Editor in chief

It's 7:20 p.m. on a Thursday night, and there's standing room only in an old barn a mile south of Charleston on Route 130.

Pick-up trucks line the driveway leading up to the big brown shelter — some old, some new, some dented, some shiny as the day they left the dealer and some with license plates from far away places. Shortly after the trucks end, the fun begins.

"Heeeeeey half-a-dollar-gotta-dollar-half-a-dollar-say-a-dollar-dollar-and-a-half-gotta-dollar-say-a-dollar-and-a-half-bid-it-your-way-it's gonna be a loooooong night."

A man's wrinkled arm decorated with a chunky silver watch and a faded gold bracelet raises slowly in the back row.

"Dollar-and-half-and-a-half-dollar-and-a-half-hear-two-dollars-two-to-the-buyer-to-the-buyer-two-to-the-buyer . . ."

Another arm stretches forward. The bidding continues, but this arm goes unchallenged.

"Two dollars to buyer 19!"

Charlie Blagg, auctioneer and owner of Blagg's Auction Barn, runs this show every Thursday night from 6 p.m. until the goods are gone — sometimes as late as 10:30 p.m.

People gather in his barn from towns as close as Newton, Olney and Mattoon and as far as Erie, Pennsylvania and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to bid on everything from a Raggedy Ann and Andy chalkboard to a full-size refrigerator.

"I'll buy anything that doesn't eat," says Ft. Lauderdale resident Bud Markell.

Markell has his bidding techniques down to a tee. His buyer number is pinned to his hat to free his hands, and he knows a good buy when he sees one.

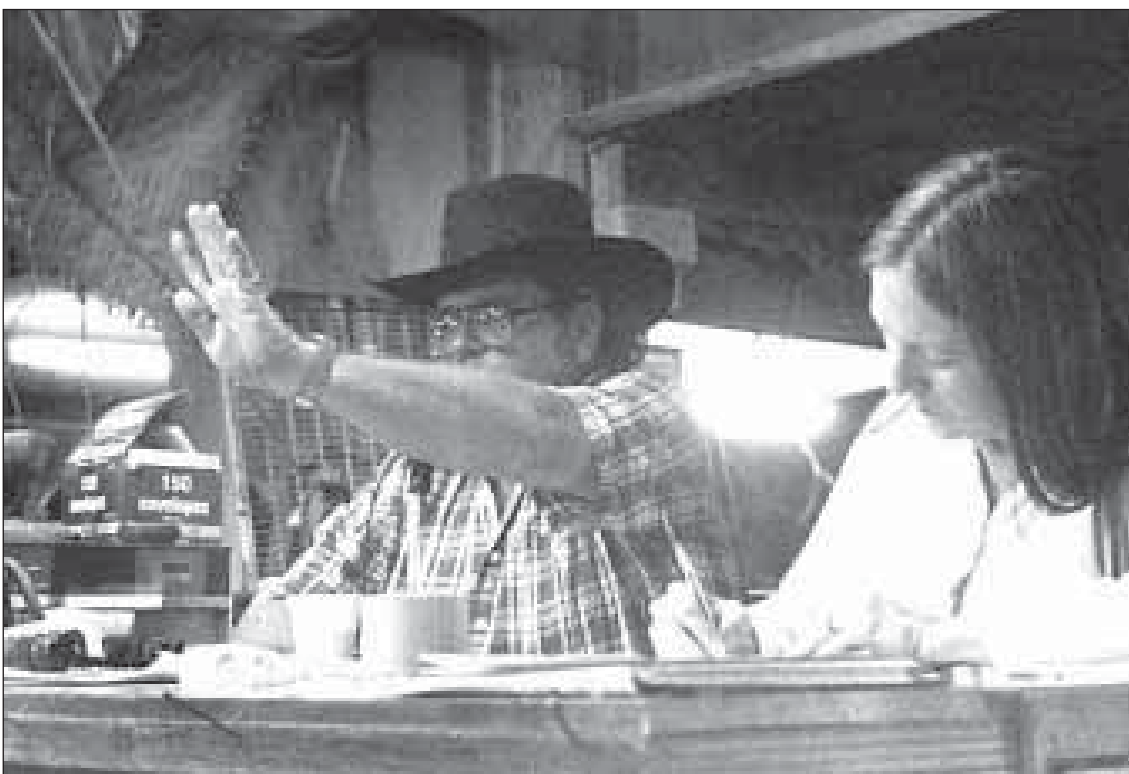
"I buy junk and sell antiques," the long-distance traveller says after purchasing a turquoise and light blue striped porcelain vase for \$10.

"I can buy it and fix it up and sell it for more than \$10," Markell said. "Chances are I make money off the deal."

Markell, like many people present at the auction, owns an antique store that he stocks with merchandise from different auctions.

Alice Walters, co-owner of H and A Walters antique and collectible shop in Arcola, comes to Blagg's barn almost every week.

"I've been in the business 18 years and you just can't believe what some people collect," Walters said. "I've had people in my shop who collect used razor blades."



Photos by Scott Painter

Charlie Blagg (left), the lively auctioneer and owner of Blagg's Auction Barn, runs a show every Thursday night from 6 p.m. until the goods are gone. People gather in his barn (top), located a mile south of Charleston on Route 130, to bid on everything from a Raggedy Ann and Andy chalkboard to a full-size refrigerator. Marlene Rankin (right), secretary, lends a hand each night.

With that in mind, Walters and her husband, Harold, come to Blagg's to find primitives, dishes, furniture and any other deals they can't pass up.

"I tell people when you first walk in here you might be upset because it's an old barn and the dirt floors might turn you off," she said with a grin. "But you'd be surprised what you can find here. And you won't ever find a better auctioneer."

Blagg, a robust man in a big black cowboy hat and cowboy boots to match, has had plenty of practice.

Before opening Blagg's Antique Barn four years ago, he ran a similar show in Champaign for 12 years. After he and his wife divorced he moved to Charleston and started up again.

"It's an interesting business," Blagg said. "Very interesting."

"It's a hard way to make an easy living," he added. "The hard part is finding good stuff, but you get to meet some very interesting people."

"One thing I like is every sale is different and a lot of people are one of a kind," he said. "Some only deal marbles, some only want glassware. They come here looking for one thing and if we got it fine — if not, they keep going on down

the road."

The bidding doesn't last long on the smaller items. Dave Riddle, owner of an antique shop in Charleston, offered the highest bid for an espresso maker and vase at \$1.

Shortly after Fergy delivers the items to Riddle, a man one row back begins to admire the coffee pot.

"You want this?" Riddle asks. "I never made coffee. I wanted the thing that came with it."

And with that, the espresso maker changes hands again.

A Chinese checker board, a set of silver dollars, an old suitcase, clothes pins, even a unicycle are sold to the highest bidders.

A brass belt buckle with the

word "Sukup" on it sells to Newton resident Ray Cook for 50 cents.

"Now ain't that nice?" he asks the crowd after strapping it on to his belt. He is met with laughter from the woman he came with and smiles from people sitting around him.

Gradually bigger items like a baby crib, an antique wooden dresser, a velvet covered chair and a Maytag washing machine are sold. Some items sell for more than \$1,000.

Even Panther's strip club owner Mike Bickers buys his share of stuff from Blagg's.

"There's good stuff here," Bickers says. "I built Panther's out of the stuff I bought here."

"People who can't afford Wal-Mart come out here."



Dave Kindelberger, an auction worker, rolls out an antique wheelchair, one of the many odd collectibles that distinguish this strange world of bargain shopping.



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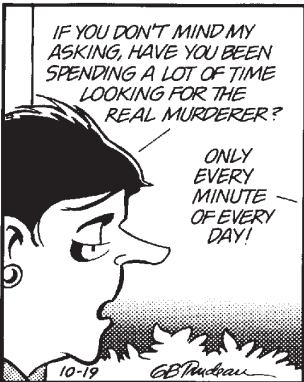
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No sophomore slump for St. Louis' Bruce

ST. LOUIS (AP) – Isaac Bruce’s big start prompted comparisons with Jerry Rice. On Sunday, fans will get a head-to-head look.

Bruce, the St. Louis Rams’ second-year man, is second in the NFL with 660 receiving yards. He’s 24 yards ahead of Rice, the San Francisco 49ers’ future Hall of Famer, and averaging 18.3 yards per catch, almost 5 yards more than Rice.

The last two weeks he’s put up some Rice-line numbers, totaling 18 catches for 372 yards. He’s this week’s NFC offensive player of the week. The only category where Rice leads is in touchdowns, 7-6.

“It’s my time to blossom,” Bruce said. “I just went out and spread my wings, I guess.” Want more? Both played in relative obscurity in college – Rice at Mississippi Valley State and Bruce at Memphis State – and both wear No. 80 on their backs.

Too bad Bruce is only about a zillion catches and yards behind Rice, the best pass catcher in league history. So Rams coach Rich Brooks has never been into this comparison at all.

“I think that’s really unfair to Isaac,” Brooks said Wednesday as the Rams (5-1) prepared for the 49ers (4-2). “I don’t want to take anything away from Isaac because I was one of the first guys to say this guy’s going to be a hell of a player.

“But you don’t become a Jerry Rice in six games. You have to do it for a long period of time, consistently, when people are trying to take you away, they’re in there busting you in the mouth when you come off the line of scrimmage.” Brooks will get no argument from 49ers coach George Seifert on the subject.

Rice, in his 11th year, is the career leader with 146 touchdowns and 138 receiving touchdowns, and he needs 95 yards to beat James Lofton’s career yardage mark of 14,020. With 68 catches, he’ll pass Art Monk’s record of 934 receptions.

Eventually, every major receiving record will be his.

“What Rice has done would lend anybody who’s paid any attention to this sport to believe that he’s the best of all time,” Seifert said.

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fans. This year, the fans were told which games they could watch.

Isn’t that nice of them. The executives went out of their way to make up our minds for us. We should all write them a personal “thanks,” because it’s not like we’re adults or anything and can decide for ourselves on what game we want to watch.

Thank goodness, this demon child Baseball Network is being done away with after this year. I encourage every fan to stand up, right now, no matter where you are, and give a standing ovation to the people who decided to do away with it.

But, the problem hasn’t gone away. Negotiations are underway with the networks for next year, and the possibility exists that some of the playoff games will be put on cable.

Even though 70 percent of American households have cable, what about the 30 percent that don’t? Another big surprise from baseball – something that was

always free is now going to cost us something.

If baseball is trying to drive away fans, they are doing one heck of a job. It’s name should be changed to “The sport that does everything possible to turn away it’s fans *and* make them feel unappreciated and worthless”.

I’m so pleased to see that the fans in Cincinnati finally gave baseball what it deserved. They left nearly 26,000 empty seats in the two playoff games against the Braves.

Afterwards, Marge Schott had the nerve to call the crowd “disgusting” and tell the Cincinnati Enquirer that the fans are spoiled. Sorry Mrs. Schott, the fans aren’t spoiled. We’re simply sick of baseball and asinine people like you.

When all is said and done, and the World Series rolls around on Saturday, I won’t be watching. I’d rather suffer through an 18-hour marathon of “Gidget,” “Flipper” and “Lassie” reruns.

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and McInerney believes this has the other runners out after him.

Weiss himself is also very modest about receiving the honor, believing it’s nice to receive recognition, but believes others are just as qualified to receive the honor.

“It’s always nice to receive this honor, but I wish the Mid-Con

would pick someone who dropped a lot of time or really improved, like my teammate Mike McBride who ran the race of his life on Saturday,” Weiss said.

“The honor doesn’t always have to go to someone who had the best time or came across the line first.”

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Eastern has only scored 16 goals, averaging just over a goal a game. In addition to the low scoring percentage, the Panthers have been shutout five times this season.

Goalkeeping woes: After goalie Brian Hecht went down with a separated shoulder against UMKC, Brian Ritschel has been the Panthers’ goalie in the last three games. While Ritschel has only given up seven goals in those games, the team has given up 39 goals this year, compared to only allowing 22 last season.

Positive outlook?: With two of the Panthers’ next three opponents, Ohio State and SIUE, owning sub .500 records, it may be possible for Eastern to end the season on a winning streak.

Ohio State, which is currently 3-9-1 overall, and SIUE, which is currently 1-10-1 overall, will be Eastern’s last two opponents of the season, possibly giving the Panthers something to build on going into next year.

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Braves downplaying World Series experience

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves have one distinct advantage over the Cleveland Indians heading into the World Series — experience.

“I’m not so sure any of that makes any difference,” Braves manager Bobby Cox said Wednesday. “Good playing will take care of any of that type of edge.” The Braves aren’t loaded with experience as 10 players have combined for 71 appearances, most in Atlanta’s Series losses to Minnesota in 1991 and Toronto in 1992.

That seems like a lot, though, compared to Cleveland’s total of 28 World Series games by six players, obviously all with other teams.

Cox said the butterflies will remain for anyone in any sport no matter how many times they have been involved in championship competition.

“They never go away,” he said. “If they’re not there, then maybe you better look into

Series not a model of political correctness

By the Associated Press

Her hero, Mickey Mantle, died this year and her beloved Dodgers were swept out of the playoffs by the Cincinnati Reds. What could possibly be worse for Suzan Shown Harjo? Try a World Series that features the Cleveland Indians and Chief Wahoo against the Atlanta Braves and the Tomahawk Chop.

“It’s sort of like drive-by racism, with bullets for an unintended victim,” said Harjo, director of the Morning Star Institute in Washington that promotes Native American cultures and traditions.

American Indian groups have vehemently protested the use of Indian nicknames, mascots and, worst of all, the chanting and whooping they say is demeaning to native cultures.

In a season already filled with replace-

ment spring training and a season cut to 144 games because of the strike, baseball fans who find the nicknames and images offensive are getting the worst of both worlds.

“I was listening to the radio and one of the sports commentators said, ‘When they do the Tomahawk Chop, which Indians are they cheering for?’” said Ray Apodaca of the Administration for Native Americans. “I expect to see a lot of things that are going to be offensive in characterizations.” Chief Wahoo belongs to Cleveland, a red-faced, smiling Indian who adorns everything from hats to shirts to placards that fans wave. Cleveland had a huge symbol of Chief Wahoo outside old Cleveland Stadium; he didn’t make the move to Jacobs Field.

There were some protests of the symbol during playoff games.

and plays the game the way it’s supposed to be played and does the things necessary to win is going to be on top.” The Indians’ top Series performers are right-hander Orel Hershisier, who has a 7-0 postseason record including the playoffs, and reserve catcher Tony Pena, who hit .409 and drove in four runs for the St. Louis Cardinals in the 1987 World Series against Minnesota.

Hershisier, pitching for the Los Angeles Dodgers, had a 2-0 record and 1.00 ERA in two complete games against Oakland in 1988.

David Justice of the Braves and Eddie Murray of the Indians hope to improve on disappointing Series numbers.

Justice’s 13 games are the most by any player on either team. He has a .217 batting average with three homers and nine RBIs, driving in five of those in 1991’s Game 5.

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matic bids to the tournament, with the other 10 teams chosen by voters. Five-time defending Gateway champion Northern Iowa is 3-0 in the Gateway and appears on its way to an unprecedented sixth straight league title — leaving Eastern to battle for an at-large spot.

Eastern is currently No. 20 in the Sports Network’s Division I-AA Top 25 poll, a ranking that won’t hurt Eastern’s chances of making the postseason. “The people that select the teams count a lot (what a team is ranked) in the poll, and if you’re ranked in the top 16 or 20 that definitely helps your chances,” Spoo said.

If the Panthers finish tied in the conference with Northern Iowa, the Purple Panthers would win the tie-breaker via a victory over Eastern this season. Spoo said he had tie-breaker regulations faxed to him this week from the Gateway, just to be sure of where his team stands.

“In the event of a tie, co-champions will be named, but the automatic bid will go to the team holding the head-to-head victory,” Spoo said, reading from the infor-

GATEWAY Football Conference		
Team	Conf.	All
Northern Iowa	3-0	4-2
Indiana State	3-1	5-2
Southern Illinois	2-1	4-3
Eastern Illinois	1-1	6-1
Western Illinois	1-2	3-3
Illinois State	1-2	2-5
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mation he had received.

Big game: Northern Iowa hosts Southern Illinois University this weekend. In 10 years of Gateway play, the Salukis have averaged less than two conference wins a year. But Southern has surprised many by going 4-3 overall (2-1 in the Gateway) this season.

Northern Iowa coach Terry Allen said Southern’s surprising

start has not changed his team’s game plan. “No not at all. We’re going to try to do what we do best and go after them like we normally would,” Allen said.

Spoo said while the Purple Panthers are the Gateway’s front runner, every team in the Gateway is capable of knocking them off.

“I’ve always felt every year that the Gateway Conference has some of the best talent,” Spoo said. “Northern Iowa has dominated (this year), and I notice they’re undefeated (in the Gateway) as well. But everyone else I feel is still alive.”

As for a prediction on the Northern Iowa vs. Southern Illinois game?

“They’re (Salukis) playing very confidently and they’ve got some weapons,” Spoo said. “Who knows what’s going to happen.”

And then there were six: When Eastern leaves the Gateway Conference after the season, conference officials have said there will not be an immediate replacement chosen.

“It’s a little too early to tell,” Gateway commissioner Patty Viverito said of replacing Eastern.

SPOO from page 12

The only aspect of last week’s game that did not please Spoo was the performance by the offense in the first half. At halftime, the Panthers had a touchdown advantage by a 14-7 score.

“I felt (Western Kentucky) didn’t stop us,” Spoo said. “We stopped ourselves (on offense). But our defense did an outstanding job.”

In the second half, the offense started moving. One part of the Panther offense that has not been that effective this season is the passing game. But quarterback Pete Mauch wasn’t shy about throwing from the shotgun formation — something that has finally clicked in the Panther machine.

“It’s a whole different perspective for Pete Mauch,” said Spoo about his quarterback throwing from the shotgun. “He can see more and he’s obviously out of

harms way a little longer. That’s good for us.”

This is Eastern’s bye week, meaning it doesn’t have to play anyone until its Homecoming contest with Illinois State on Oct. 28.

But just because Spoo’s squad is not challenging anyone this week doesn’t mean that his troops are taking time off. In fact, Spoo has even thought of implementing a few more plays into the book.

“You’ve got an extra five days,” Spoo said. “If you want to do something different, you do it this week. We’ve tried to work on fundamentals, individual tech-

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— Bob Spoo
Eastern football coach

State to round out the season.

“We’ve got these four games (and) they’re all good (teams),” said Spoo in reference to his final four opponents who are all members of the Gateway Football Conference.

“Illinois State was a school that was picked to finish second (in the preseason). So if they put it all together, they’ll beat you if you’re not ready.”

niques and all of the fundamentals of each position.”

Spoo has time to work on all of the above before facing Illinois State, Western Illinois, Southern Illinois and Indiana

“We are certainly hoping to keep seven teams in the conference because it makes for easy scheduling.”

According to Viverito, the Gateway will not lose its automatic bid to the I-AA tournament after Eastern leaves.

“Six is the minimum number of teams needed in order to apply for an automatic bid,” Viverito said. “After that, strength of the teams becomes a factor,” she added, saying a six-team conference does not automatically receive a bid.

Superconference: Plans are in the works to create a sort of super-conference for Division I-AA football teams — the Southland Football League.

The conference may extend an invitation to Western Kentucky University in January. The Hill-toppers, Eastern’s opponent last weekend, would join some powerhouse teams which are currently ranked in the top 25 in the nation. Some of the teams slated to join the conference are No. 1 McNeese State, No. 4 Stephen F. Austin, No. 5 Troy State, No. 19 Northwest (La.) State and No. 24 Jacksonville St.

But one player that the Panthers will be without is punt returner Jinho Ferriera. Ferriera had knee surgery last week and missed the Western Kentucky contest.

Spoo, at first, thought Ferriera might be ready for the Illinois State game, but doctors said Ferriera’s knee was more injured than they thought.

“There was a little more damage than we thought,” Spoo said. “It will be close (if Ferriera plays in the following game against Western).”

But Spoo said Solomon Burcy proved to be a quality replacement for Ferriera in handling the punt returns at Western Kentucky.

“I was really pleased with how Solomon Burcy handled those punts,” Spoo said. “He handled them all flawlessly — he’s got some stuff.”

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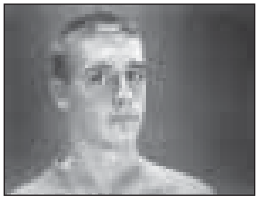
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Chad Merda - Staff writer

New network leaves baseball fans in the dark

Ah yes, baseball. It's America's national pastime, you know. Or wait a minute, shouldn't that be changed to America's regional pastime?

How can it be called a national pastime when there are as many as four games scheduled at once, and a fan can only see one? Of course, there is a very good chance that the game shown in your region is not the one you want to see.

Baseball fans can thank the wonderful Baseball Network for this. What happens to good ol' Grandpa John, a Cleveland native, who has been an Indians fan all his life, and is now enjoying his golden years in Arizona.

This may be his last chance to see his beloved Indians in all their glory. But Grandpa John is out of luck. Because in Arizona, the Reds-Braves game is on the tube. Oh well, baseball doesn't care, because it's only one broken-hearted fan out of millions across the country.

What baseball doesn't know is there are many Grandpa John's out there. Where have the good old days gone of having only one game at a time, while each is nationally broadcasted? Apparently, those days went out of style just like the milkman.

An NBC spokesperson was recently quoted in the Chicago Tribune as saying that regionalization is good, because it brings in higher ratings. Even a monkey can figure out that higher ratings mean more money brought in from commercials.

So the fans are being ripped off and deprived of watching their favorite teams, while the big shots involved with baseball pad their pocket books.

What a surprise! Who would have ever guessed? The big shots of baseball are willing to short change the fans only so they can make an extra buck. It is truly shocking news to me.

I wouldn't be surprised if there are currently negotiations in the works between the NFL and Major League Baseball to rework the entire baseball schedule.

Maybe they can schedule game seven of the World Series at the same time as Super Bowl XXX, and have the coverage regionalized. If this were to happen, the ratings would surely be sky high.

Baseball just doesn't get it. Last year, we were cheated out of part of the season, the playoffs and the World Series. This year we were still cheated out of a significant part of the playoffs.

Baseball executives can easily be compared to a bunch of communists. The freedom of choice has been taken away from the

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Weiss named Mid-Con 'Runner of the Week'

By **DONNA RUF**
Staff writer

For the second time this season, junior Justin Weiss has captured the Mid-Continent Conference Runner of the Week award.

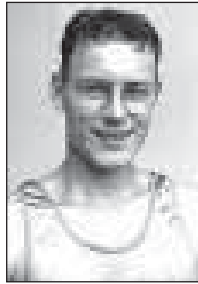
The honor was bestowed upon Weiss after he finished second this past weekend at the EIU Invitational, with a time of 25.11. With Weiss' help, the team earned its way to a first-place finish on the home course.

Weiss' first honor as Runner of the Week came after a fifth-place finish at the Bradley Invitational,

where he completed the race in a time 25.03, his second best time of the season. This effort helped Eastern earn a fifth-place team finish.

Weiss' consistency has been a key factor to his success this season, as he has been the No. 1 runner for the Panthers in every meet and has finished no less than fifth overall.

Weiss' best time of the season was at the Central Collegiate Meet, where he crossed the line in 25.00, giving him the second fastest time in the conference for the season. Weiss is edged out of



Justin Weiss

the No. 1 slot by Western Illinois University's Adam Finley, whose best time is 24.58.

Coach John McInerney is not surprised that Weiss has received the honor twice this season, saying that Weiss "has been consistent all year running in some very quality races," McInerney said. "This is a well-deserved honor."

McInerney also believes Weiss receiving this honor is not as much as a concern to him (Weiss), as is his concern for the team and its success.

"He's one to worry about the team, and not himself," McInerney said. "His focus is on team success, which helps him from getting too uptight about personal pressure put upon him."

The reason for this personal pressure upon Weiss can be attributed to the fact that Weiss was the 1994 Mid-Continent Conference Cross Country champion,

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Spoo: The wins have put my mind at ease

By **DAN FIELDS**
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After seven games last season, the Panther football team had an undesirable record of 2-5. This year, after the same amount of contests, Eastern owns a 6-1 mark.

Obviously, head coach Bob Spoo has much less to worry about trying to claim a winning season. And he doesn't mind at all.

"The wins have put my mind at ease," Spoo said Wednesday at his weekly press conference. "I'm comfortable with things now."

It's no wonder that Spoo's nerves are calm after a 35-9 thrashing of Western Kentucky last week in Bowling Green, Ky. But according to Spoo, he was not

prepared for such dominance by his team, especially after the Panthers lost a conference match with Northern Iowa 17-7 the previous week in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

"We executed very well on both sides of the ball," Spoo said. "I really thought going in that it was going to be a dog fight. I think it was a very important win for us. It was important for us to reestablish ourselves."

Plus, Spoo mentioned that Western Kentucky not playing its best football also helped Eastern to the lopsided victory.

"They approached us not to have a good plan," Spoo said. "Against us, that allowed us to do things. Again, when a combination of players are executing, it makes it look easy."

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Panthers might not make playoffs at 9-2

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The Eastern football team currently owns a 6-1 record and expectations of being one of the 16 teams invited to Division I-AA's postseason tournament are very high. But head coach Bob Spoo warns that even if Eastern wins three of its next four games, a 9-2 record still might not be good enough to make the cut.

"I would like to think that 9-2

would get us in, but another loss in the conference could leave us in third place (in the Gateway Conference) at the end of the season," Spoo said. The Panthers' last four games are against Gateway opponents. A sweep of those four contests would definitely get Eastern in the postseason - while three of four wins might leave the Panthers on the bubble.

Six I-AA conferences, including the Gateway, receive automatic bids. See **PLAYOFFS** page 11



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Sean Johnson, a forward for the Panther men's soccer team, practices his two-touch passing Wednesday afternoon at Lakeside Field.

Men's soccer team tries to salvage final games of lost season

After snapping its five-game losing streak against conference rival Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville on Oct. 8, it looked as if the men's soccer team would contend for a postseason berth. Unfortunately, things didn't turn out that way.

Less than a week later, with Eastern at home and in a position to claim two important wins over conference foes Quincy University and Western Illinois University, the Panthers came up short. Quincy dealt Eastern a 3-1 loss last Friday and Western Illinois rallied from a two-goal deficit to knock off the Panthers 3-2 on Sunday.

"I think the team relaxed too much after we took the two-goal lead against Western, and we didn't play with the same kind of energy during the rest of the game," said junior forward Sean Johnson.

With the losses, it appears that Eastern's postseason plans have been all but canceled. The Panthers, with an overall record of 3-11 and a 1-5 record in the Mid-Continent Conference, only have two conference games remaining. With this in mind, sophomore midfielder Brian Holcombe

would like to see the team at least end the season with a strong finish.

"I would like to see us win our last three games of the season, because we don't want to go out with a 3-14 record," Holcombe said. "If we can finish with a winning record (in our final games)



we can go into next season with a positive outlook."

Eastern will now travel to conference rival University of Missouri at Kansas City on Friday before going up against Big Ten foe Ohio State University on Oct. 27.

The Panthers end their season on Homecoming weekend against SIUE at Lakeside Field.

Bad trend: Throughout this season the Panthers have suffered through four different losing streaks, while never enjoying a winning streak. Eastern began the first weeks of the season with a pair of two-game losing streaks before going on its longest losing skid of the season - a streak of five games. The team is currently riding a two-game losing skid.

Struggling offense: With only three wins this season, the soccer team's offense has struggled.

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